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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: R. C. Peavey, Executive Director, Summer Study

SUBJECT: Summer Study - Working Group on Space Probe Sterilization

I am writing to invite you to participate in a working group of the SSB Summer Study which will meet on July 26 and 27 under the chairmanship of Dr. Allan H. Brown to consider the question of space probe sterilization. This memorandum will also inform each of you of other scientists who are being asked to participate in the Working Group; in addition to individuals listed below, it is also expected that appropriate NASA personnel, both headquarters and field, will join in the discussions.

The attached copy of a letter from Dr. Brown to Dr. William W. Kellogg, Vice Chairman of the Summer Study, indicates the character of the questions which the Working Group will examine. We should welcome your comments regarding any points in this letter as well as any other suggestions you may have concerning aspects of the sterilization problems which the Working Group should consider.

To those of you who have not already received it, I am enclosing a copy of the SSB document entitled "The Atmospheres of Mars and Venus" which you will find useful in preparation for the discussions of this Working Group.

In order that we may make definite plans for these activities, I should appreciate hearing from you by return mail concerning your willingness to assist the Summer Study in this Working Group's deliberations.

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